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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 5,100,042.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative contended that the prior art element (400) does not provide stiffening to the anvil. However the Examiner maintained that the prior art stiffener plate provide strengthening support to anvil, and it is not distinguished from the claimed stiffener plate..

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